[Mr. A. Gopala Menon']

promotion and not by fresh recruitment. As regards the others, the principle of communal representation is being gradually enforced and there are now ten Ezhavas in the graduate scale.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know from the honourable member whether there was any recent application for employment in the Education Department?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: There are one or two.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*) May I know, Sir, whether there is any minimum qualification fixed by the Department for appointment in the Education Department?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It depends upon the grade. For each grade of appointment, separate qualifications are prescribed.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know, Sir, whether communal representation is accepted irrespective of qualifications?

Mr A. Gopala Menon: It is not.

Government Mint at Trivandrum.

19. ✻ **Mr. K M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they have got down any machines during the current year for the use of the Government Mint at Trivandrum;

(*b*) the amount spent on those machines;

(*c*) whether the Mint is now fully equipped for minting all Travancore coins; and

(*d*) if so, why is it that Government have made arrangements with the Government Mint at Bombay for the coining of Chitras to the value of three lakhs of rupees?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Rs. 29,489-15-7.

(*c*) The Mint is now equipped for minting only copper coins.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (c).

Machine for the manufacture of drainage pipes.

20. ✻ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have purchased the necessary machines for the manufacture of drainage pipes; if so, when was it purchased and at what cost and where the machine is now kept;

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative whether they have manufactured pipes in the said machine so purchased ; if not, what are the causes for the delay ; and

(*c*) whether they have purchased drainage pipes or given contract for the supply of drainage pipes after the machine was purchased ; if so, when and at what cost ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Yes. They were purchased in December 1938 at a cost of Rs. 70,000 and the machine is now in the Ceramic Factory.

(*b*) Yes ; this does not arise.

(*c*) Yes ; pipes to the value of nearly Rs. 80,300 for the immediate requirements of the Trivandrum Drainage Scheme were ordered to be purchased from several firms after the machine was purchased.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: As regards the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know from the honourable member when the manufacture of pipes began with the machine ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: In 1114.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the honourable member the quantity of pipes manufactured with that machine?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: 200 to 300 a day.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the honourable member the average price of the pipes manufactured so far with that machine ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The information is not available.

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